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## **TROUP MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES**

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 25-year-old Troup man has pleaded guilty to federal drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **JACKIE JEELANI AUSTIN** admitted to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine today before United States Magistrate Judge John D. Love.

According to information presented in court, Austin was arrested on April 8, 2006 in Rusk County by the Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of drugs. He has been in federal custody since his arrest.

Austin faces up to twenty years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$1 million at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Texas Department of Public Safety and prosecuted by Assistant United States Jim Middleton.

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